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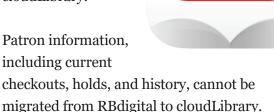
# RBdigital Service to be Discontinued Soon

The company that owns RBdigital recently merged with another library media company and, as a result, will no longer offer the unlimited subscription models for lending digital audio and magazines that have been available to Wyoming libraries through the RBdigital platform. In addition, the new company intends to discontinue the RBdigital apps and website in the near future.

To continue offering statewide, equitable access to digital audio, the Wyoming State Library will migrate all previously purchased audio licenses to the cloudLibrary platform as of October 1, 2020. Unfortunately, there is no platform to host the digital magazines after October 1 on a statewide basis, so the digital magazine service will cease at that time.

Digital audio is currently available in the cloudLibrary collection and will continue to

grow as purchased content is migrated. New audio content will only be purchased on cloudLibrary.



Patrons can download their history by logging in on the RBdigital website and then selecting My Account > Profile > Export My Transaction History. They can contact their local libraries for assistance with this or any other issues.

See our <u>RBdigital service update</u> page for more details on how content will be migrated and how patrons will be impacted by this change.



# **WSL News**

## STATE LIBRARY TAKES REGIONAL **LEADERSHIP ROLE**

Wyoming State Librarian Jamie Markus took office as President-Elect of the Western Council of State Libraries on July 1.



Jamie Markus

Jamie leads the Wyoming State Library (WSL), a division of the State of Wyoming's Department of

Administration and Information.

By statute, the State Library is tasked with serving as the official depository for state government documents and with supporting library services throughout the state.

The WSL has a strong focus on statewide projects that ensure equity of access to library services for all Wyoming residents, even in the smallest communities.

"We're fortunate to have such a collaborative library community in Wyoming," Jamie said. "Our participation in the Western Council has taken that collaboration to another level ever since Wyoming joined in the 1970s. We bring

what we've achieved in our state to the table and in return, we learn what's worked for others."

The Western Council is made up of 22 state library agencies west of the Mississippi River. Among its functions, it promotes library service in member states, provides a forum for interstate collaboration, and invests in innovative projects. Jamie will serve a term of two years as Western Council President-Elect, followed by two as President and two as Past President.

## **WSL PARTNERS ON READY-TO-GO** CYBER-SECURITY PROGRAMS

The Wyoming State Library and Wyoming CAN (Cybersecurity Action Network) have worked together to offer a "cyber-security in a box" educational program. This is a monthly, readyto-go 10-minute program designed to be shared by local libraries and other organizations to increase cyber safety in Wyoming communities.

Knowledge of vulnerabilities and scams reduces the likelihood a computer user will become a computer crime victim, which is where these easy-to-use programs come in. The first three for July through September cover webcam covers, home network security, and basic security.

Find them on the WSL website. The WyoCAN videos, links, and more are an opportunity to inform and protect your patrons, with minimal staff time needed to set up the program.

# **Wyoming Library Association**

#### **WLA CONFERENCE MOVES ONLINE**

The Wyoming **Library Association** annual conference, originally scheduled for October 8-9 in



Casper, has been moved online for 2020. The decision was made by the WLA Executive Board in light of reduced library budgets and ongoing public health concerns.

Rather than holding its regular sessions digitally, WLA has decided to try a different approach for this conference. They plan to arrange for a smaller number of bigger presenters, focusing on timely and relevant subjects to libraries in 2020 and beyond. Those who have already submitted session proposals are encouraged to hold onto them until the next in-person conference or regional gathering.

# **Want More News?**

Get the news as it happens: Follow the Wyoming State Library on our blog, Facebook, and Twitter.

# Census 2020

### **ALA RESOURCE FOR 2020 CENSUS DURING COVID-19**



The American Library Association (ALA) has released a new publication, "Libraries and the 2020 Census: Adapting Outreach in Response to COVID-19."

Libraries are essential partners in achieving a complete count in the 2020 Census. In response to COVID-19, the Census Bureau and libraries delayed and adjusted 2020 Census operations and awareness activities. The four-page tip sheet will explain those changes and highlight opportunities for libraries to adapt census outreach activities.

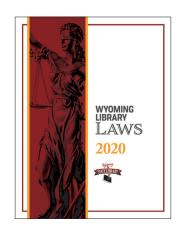
At time of publication, Wyoming is currently at a 56.4% self-response rate, still below the national average. Undercounting communities leaves an impact on libraries, schools, roads, hospitals, and opportunities for years to come.

<u>Click here</u> for more information on how to help your community achieve a Complete Count.

# **Trustees, Friends,** & Foundations

#### LIBRARY LAWS 2020 NOW AVAILABLE

The 2020 edition of **Wyoming Library** Laws has been posted on the Wyoming State Library website. This annual publication is a ready reference to the range of statutes affecting Wyoming libraries.



The statutes in *Library Laws* are extracted, not printed in their entirety, so this is intended as a ready reference only. The WSL recommends that libraries consult the full text of Wyoming Statutes and visit with their legal counsel when faced with difficult issues.

# FOSTERING EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND **INCLUSION IN LIBRARIES**

Excerpted from the Colorado Virtual Library's Trustee Corner

Libraries try to create spaces where everyone is welcome, and to provide equitable access to information. Libraries do this for people from diverse backgrounds and origins, regardless of their beliefs or affiliations. But achieving goals for equity, diversity, and inclusion are not easy, and often take years of undoing old systems of inequity. It takes the work of library boards and library management — learning, listening, and responding — to chart a new course for libraries to become more equitable, and to have more inclusive spaces for all.

Here are some resources which may be helpful for library trustees looking to learn more about equity, diversity, and inclusion in libraries:

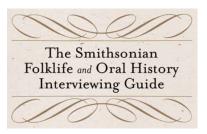
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (ALA)
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights (ALA)
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice (PLA)
- Advancing Racial Equity in Public Libraries: Case Studies from the Field (Government **Alliance on Racial Equity)**
- Advancing Racial Equity in Your Library (PLA) – recorded webinar
- A Chorus of Voices Doing Important Work: PLA's Equity & Social Justice Workshops (Public Libraries Online)

# **Share the News!**

Do you have colleagues who aren't on the Outrider mailing list? Encourage them to sign up and catch all the library news.

# Government **Information**

## SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNMENT **INFORMATION: STORIES**



Stories explain who we are, what we've seen, and how our experiences shape us. They unite families and communities through shared memories and they help us explore unfamiliar places. They elicit emotions such as sadness, laughter, and anger while offering hope, wisdom, and warnings.

Most importantly they are passed from one generation to the next. Everyone has a unique story to share, but are the messages being heard?

The Smithsonian Folklife and Oral History *<u>Interviewing Guide</u>* is a tool that can help capture the stories of family, friends, coworkers, and community members.

This manual offers suggestions of items to bring to the interview and possible questions to ask the interviewee. One excellent reminder is to ask open-ended questions instead of those that can be answered with yes or no. The guide also contains several blank forms including the Interview Information Form, the Interview Release Form, and the Audio/Video Recording Log.

To hear some distinctive voices from history, visit some of these sites.

- The Civil Rights History Project
- **StoryCorps**
- Veterans' Voices Project
- **Veterans History Project**



Aug 3-7	Book Bike Week
Sep 1-30	Library Card Sign-Up Month
Sep 8	International Literacy Day
Sep 28-Oct 2	ARSL Virtual Conference
Oct 1-31	<u>TeenTober</u>
Oct 1-31	Health Literacy Month
Oct 8-9	WLA Virtual Conference
Oct 18-24	National Friends of Libraries Week
Oct 21	Wyoming Snapshot Day

# **Databases & Electronic Resources**

## PBS BOOKS AUTHOR INTERVIEWS IN **NOVELIST PLUS**



There's yet another reason to love NoveList Plus: more than 700 PBS Books author interviews have been added to this resource.

NoveList can be found in the GoWYLD.net Recommended Reading library guide.

These videos from conferences and book events include interviews, readings, and personal tidbits. Hear from authors such as Joyce Carol Oates, Tony DiTerlizzi, Judy Blume, Diane Gabaldon, Gabrielle Union, and more.

Use the link on the main page of NoveList Plus or search using the terms searching "ND Multimedia Content" or "TA PBS Books," and enjoy getting to know your favorite authors.

# **Intellectual Property**

## VIRTUAL STORYTIME AND COPYRIGHT: RESOURCES FROM THE TSLAC

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has received many questions recently about virtual and online storytimes. They've curated a few resources that may be helpful during this time. Along with virtual storytime information, you'll find resources on copyright and Creative Commons. Find the list here. For further reading, you may also want to view the TSLAC's previous blog post, Copyright and Fair Use Resources.

# **People News**

Jo Otterholt retired from the Wyoming Services for the Deaf Library at the end of May. Jo first joined the Wyoming Department of Education at the School for the Deaf in 1989. When it closed, she interpreted and tutored deaf students for Natrona County School District #1 until June 2004, when she rejoined the Department to manage Outreach Library Services for the Deaf.

**Brenda Ariosto** is the new Resource Specialist at the Wyoming Services for the Deaf Library. She's a graduate of Kelly Walsh High School, born and raised in Wyoming. Brenda has worked for the State of Wyoming for six years, and she and her husband own Action Glass in Casper.

**Garrett Randolph** left Park County Library in late June. Garrett had been a Children's Assistant since February 2018, coming to the library with no formal training, but with a winning personality and real love for kids. He is pursuing a full-time music career in eastern Oregon as part of "R&M," an acoustic guitar duo.

**Anne Stowe** retired from Sublette County Library in June after spending 19 years at the Pinedale Library. Ann was the overseer of the audiovisual collection and could recommend the perfect movie or audiobook without hesitation.

Travis Pollok, Legislative Librarian at the Wyoming State Library, has received a Southern



New Hampshire University 2020 Distinguished Scholar Award. Travis received a Masters of History in Military History from SNHU last year.

# **Training**

# **MUTCH WEIGHS IN ON LIBRARY SERVICE** IN A POST-COVID WORLD

Natrona County Library Assistant Director Kate Mutch was on an expert panel for a *Library* Journal webinar on July 1, The Road Ahead: <u>Library Service in a</u> Post-COVID World. Libraries have stretched

and changed in many

ways in recent years



Kate Mutch

to provide new and relevant services to their communities. The COVID-19 pandemic only serves to accentuate and accelerate many of the broader changes taking place not only in libraries but also in society — changes that will impact library service delivery plans in many ways. Register to watch the recording.

#### **WSL TRAINING VIDEO USE JUMPS**

While library doors were closed earlier this year, library employees put that time to good use learning something new with the Wyoming State

Library's live webinars and webinar archive. The WSL saw a 33% increase in the number of participants who took advantage of our webinars in FY20 (ending June 30, 2020) over FY19. Much of the increase came during the first months of the pandemic when libraries were temporarily shut down. Find WSL-produced webinar recordings covering the GoWYLD.net databases and more in our archive. Also be sure to check our training calendar for upcoming learning opportunities.

#### ONLINE TRAINING 'AT YOUR LEISURE'

In addition to the live webinars in our training calendar, each month we try to pick some videos out there to watch "At Your Leisure." These ondemand offerings caught our attention for July:

- Wyoming Virtual Field Trips (Wyoming State Library)
- **Advancing Racial Equity in Your Library** (Public Library Association)
- Designing Libraries for Safety in the Age of **COVID-19** (Library Journal Webcasts)
- The Human Skills We Need in an <u>Unpredictable World</u> (TED Talk)

# What's Up?

If you have great happenings at your library, we'd like to know! Send news to Susan Mark at susan.mark@wyo.gov.

# **Youth Services**

## ALSC AND CLEL LAUNCH A VIRTUAL STORYTIME SERVICES GUIDE

During times of crises, libraries continue to play a vital role in connecting their communities to resources, information, and to each other.

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (CLEL) have released a Virtual Storytime Services Guide to assist libraries in creating high quality and meaningful online experiences for their patrons.

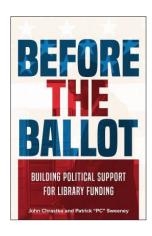
As libraries of all types are expanding their digital collections and exploring virtual program offerings, this free guide is offered as a comprehensive resource to support librarians in this shift to more virtual work.

#### YA RESOURCES ADDRESSING RACISM

Recent national events have brought a critical focus on racism in this country. To help address this topic with younger patrons in your library, the Colorado State Library has compiled a <u>list</u> of resources for youth services staff. Topics covered are professional development, collection development, talking with kids and teens about race, and what else you can do. See the list on the Colorado Virtual Library blog.

# **New Books**

The latest additions to the Wyoming State Library's collection are available to vou through WYLDCAT. Questions, comments, or suggestions for purchase may be directed to Library Development Manager Brian Greene at brian.greene@wyo.gov or (307)777-6339.



### **Before the Ballot: Building Political Support for Library Funding**

John Chrastka, Patrick "PC" Sweeney Chicago: ALA, Neal-Schuman, 2019

#### **Records and Information Management**, 2nd ed.

Patricia C. Franks

Chicago: ALA Neal-Schuman, [2018]

#### **Easy Graphic Design for Librarians: From Color to Kerning**

Diana K. Wakimoto

Chicago: ALA Editions, an imprint of the American Library Association, 2018

#### A Starter's Guide for Academic Library **Leaders: Advice in Conversation**

Amanda Clay Powers, Martin Garnar, Dustin Fife

Chicago: ALA Editions, 2019

### **Archives in Libraries: What Librarians** and Archivists Need to Know to **Work Together**

Jeannette A. Bastian, Megan Sniffin-Marinoff, Donna Webber Chicago: ALA Editions, [2018]

# **Library Jobs**

#### **Douglas Branch Manager**

Converse County Library Douglas, WY Open until filled

### High School Librarian/Instructional **Technology Information Specialist**

Jackson Hole High School Jackson, WY Open until filled

# **Events**

#### **BOOK BIKE WEEK AUG. 3-7**

The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) has announced its first Book Bike Week from August 3-7. They'll share book bike programs from across the United States and the world on their Facebook page, featuring pictures, videos, and news articles. If you have one, send your information, along with library name and city, to vicepresident@abos-outreach.com.

## **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY JULY 26**

This month marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law by President George W. Bush on July 26, 1990. The ADA prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in several areas, including employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications and access to state and local government programs and services. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine has resources available to help you celebrate.

# **Grants & Awards**

### **McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education**

**DEADLINE: July 31, 2020** 

Want to attend a conference or workshop to build your library skills? Take an online course? Funds are available to those working or volunteering in Wyoming libraries. Applications are accepted six times during the year.

#### **2020 State Energy Program Grant Opportunities**

WYLITE DEADLINE: July 30, 2020 **GRANT DEADLINE: August 28, 2020** 

The State Energy Program uses federal grants to offer a range of programs to help reduce energy consumption in Wyoming. In 2020, there are

three competitive grant programs available. For K-12 Schools and Local Government grants, interested parties must participate in the WYLITE program prior to applying.

#### **The Mockingbird Foundation**

**DEADLINE: August 1, 2020** 

The Mockingbird Foundation offers grants to nonprofit organizations and schools for innovative and collaborative projects and programs involving music education to children under 18 with a special interest in funding projects that support disenfranchised groups. Grants range in size from \$100 to \$10,000.

#### **Community Connect: Digital Access** at Home

**DEADLINE: August 26, 2020** 

This grant will support digital access and financial capability for 20 rural public libraries. Selected libraries will receive five Verizon Wi-Fi hotspots with two-year contracts and service for lending to patrons, a \$2,000 stipend to support financial literacy programming, a curated book list featured in ALA's Financial Literacy LibGuide, a copy of ALA Editions' Rainy Day Ready: Financial Literacy Programs and Tools, and professional development and support.

### **Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change**

**DEADLINE: August 28, 2020** 

The American Library Association (ALA) invites library workers to apply to be part of Resilient

Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change, a pilot program to help public and academic libraries engage their communities in programs and conversations. The project will fund in-person and virtual film screenings, community dialogues, and related events in 25 public and academic libraries, and it will provide instruction and support for the libraries to be centers for community education and support during extreme weather events.

#### **K-12 STEM Educator Development DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Funding (~\$500) is available for educator professional development, which can include attending workshops or seminars, hosting events or activities, purchasing materials for use in the classroom or out-of-school educational settings, continuing education, and other related activities.

# **News in Brief**

### **COVID Virus Undetectable on Library Materials After Three Days**

In the first phase of a project to disseminate and develop science-based information about how materials can be handled to mitigate exposure to staff and visitors, scientists have found that the virus SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 is not detectable on five common library materials after three days. The findings are part of the REopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums (REALM) Project designed to generate scientific information to support the handling of core museum, library, and archival materials as these institutions begin to resume operations and reopen to the public.

#### **Library of Congress Celebrates Wyoming's Birthday**

The Library of Congress has released a new collection of Wyoming art, music, maps, and history to showcase Wyoming's 130th anniversary of statehood. On July 10, 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state of the United States. The Library of Congress has compiled a collection of state maps, art, music, teacher resources, and veteran stories unique to the Equality State.

### **Financial Literacy Resources for the** Pandemic From the CFPB

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has provided a number of resources to assist consumers in managing and protecting their finances during the pandemic crisis. CFPB has created a page of Library Resources so you can assist patrons with financial questions, including free publications and social media flyers, public service announcements, web graphics, and other tools for outreach.

### **Library Advocacy and Funding** Conference September 14-16

EveryLibrary will hold a virtual Library and Advocacy Conference from September 14-16, 2020. Presenters will be political, advocacy, and fundraising strategists and tacticians from causerelated organizations. Learn how to navigate the world of library funding and build the support you need to serve your community.

#### **ALSC 2020 Institute to be Held Virtually**

Due to the continuing concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) has announced that the 2020 National Institute will be held virtually. in lieu of the originally planned in-person event in Minneapolis, MN, October 1-3, 2020. The virtual event will feature a variety of key author and illustrator panels, programs, trainings, and virtual networking opportunities.

### **BCLA and ALA Collaborate on Black Lives Matter Comics Reading List**

The Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table (GNCRT) of the American Library Association affirms the ALA Executive Board's statement and stands in support of not only the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), but also the Black community at large. In solidarity, the GNCRT is collaborating with colleagues at the BCALA on a new Black Lives Matter Comics Reading List that aims to draw attention to the Black experiences of the past and present to demand a new future for our Black friends and neighbors.

## **ALA Receives \$300,000 for Pandemic-Era Library Programming Resources**

The National Endowment for the Humanities

(NEH) has awarded the American Library Association (ALA) \$300,000 in CARES Act emergency relief funds to support humanities projects, including the creation of humanities content and resources for library workers in the face of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Library workers will be able to access free articles, webinars, and interviews sharing best practices and resources for developing, promoting, and hosting humanities-based programming that align with health and safety precautions.

### Mental Health Resource for Library, **Archive, and Museum Workers**

LIS Mental Health creates a space where all library workers and information professionals can connect with each other to discuss issues relating to mental health. The site is intended for anyone who works or volunteers in a library, archive, or museum (currently or formerly); are working towards a library degree; are faculty or staff at an LIS instruction program; or are otherwise involved in library- or GLAM-related work.

#### Join the National Archives for a Virtual **Vacation this Summer**

Summer is officially upon us, and while many of us may have put our vacation plans on hold this year, you are invited to explore the country through the National Archives Catalog. Explore scenic byways and more from their photo collections — there's even some road construction in there to make it feel like a real road trip.